

A HUGO TREASURE.

Romance of the Famous Writer's Improved Inkstand.

Many valuable relics that of late years have found their way into the houses of the wealthy and adorn the shop windows of the antique dealers are not only interesting from their rarity or association, but also in the manner in which they come into the hands of the dealer.

Some years ago, when staying in the little island of Guernsey, in the English channel, which for so many years was the residence of Victor Hugo during his exile from France, I was going through one of the old streets and strayed into a secondhand furniture store on the chance of finding something that might be interesting.

The address of the piece attracted my attention and upon questioning the dealer he informed me that it was a part of a lot of rubbish that had been thrown out of Hauteville House, where Victor Hugo had lived and which is still preserved intact by his family just as he left it upon his return to France.

This house and its treasures being so carefully guarded by the descendants of Victor Hugo, I wondered how a piece like the inkstand could have been thrown away and hesitated to believe that it really had come from where the dealer said it did.

I decided to think it over before purchasing, and in a few days called around again. Upon inquiring for the inkstand, the dealer said, with many apologies, that I was too late, and explained matters as best he could. During the summer months the Hugo family pay a visit to the island a few weeks, and prior to their arrival the house is thoroughly cleaned, etc. A new maid, seeing an old box, as she thought, threw it away with the rubbish, and it was sold by a junk man to the dealer.

Perhaps the most successful song of modern times is "The Lost Chord," whose sale in Great Britain has exceeded 250,000 copies. The story of its composition, as told by Mr. Willeby in his "Masters of English Music," illustrates that in art, as in statesmanship, success came to those—

Who knew the seasons when to take occasion by the hand.

For nearly three weeks Arthur Seymour Sullivan had watched by the bedside of a dying brother. One night, when the end was not far off and his brother was sleeping, he chanced to come across some verse of Adelaide Procter's which five years before he had tried in vain to set to music.

In the silence of that night watch he read them over again and almost instantly their musical expression was conceived. A stray sheet of music paper was at hand and he began to write. The music grew and he worked on, delighted to be helped while away the hours of watching. As he progressed he felt sure the music was what he had sought for and failed to find on the occasion of his first attempt to set the words. In a short time it was complete and not long after in the publisher's hands.

Wouldn't Take It Out in Trade. A Welshman sued a fellow countryman some time since for a certain amount of money owing to him. The debtor repeatedly offered to take the debt out in trade, but this offer did not seem at all to suit the taste of the creditor. At last the judge asked the plaintiff the reason for his unwillingness to accept the debtor's offer to "work off the debt."

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Astoria, Oregon, December 1, 1905. By Order of the President, GEORGE H. GEORGE, Secy.

PROPOSALS FOR BIDS.

NOTICE FOR BIDS—SEALED BIDS will be received by the undersigned until 10:00 a. m. Friday, Dec. 7, 1905, for driving, cutting off and capping piles, and constructing a dock covering approximately 250,000 square feet at this plant. Bidders must figure on furnishing material except lumber; and must state time required to complete work. Details will be furnished on application. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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